not provided any assistance to the next of kin of the victims at the stampede at the Mandhardevi temple in Satara district, Maharashtra. However, based on the proposal received from the Government of Maharashtra, financial assistance of Rs.19.50 lakhs @ Rs. 50,000 per persons has been given to the next of kin of 39 persons killed in the stampede, from the PM's National Reiief Fund.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Terrorism in NE States

†862. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have controlled the increasing incidents of terrorism in North Eastern States;

(b) the reasons for increase in the number of such incidents; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for prevention of these incidents alongwith details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The overal terrorist violence in the North East declined by about 19% in 2004 as compared to the previous year. The killing of civilians/security forces during this period snowed a decrease of 13.4%

(c) Government has taken various steps to prevent such incidents, which *inter alia* include deployment of Army and Central Paramilitary Forces, coordinated action by the security forces for counter insurgency operations, modernization/upgradation of the State Police Forces, reimbursement of security related expenditure and declaration of militant organizations as 'uniawfui associations'. Government has also extended an invitation to all militant outfits to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks. Socio economic development programmes have also been intensified.

Seizure of uranium

863. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enriched Uranium was found with a few people in Izzatnagar (district-Bareilly), Uttar Pradesh State; and

(b) if so, what are the details and the action taken thereon?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.